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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/02)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The present Communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment filed April 14, 2007 responsive to Non-Final Rejections dated November 14, 2008. Applicant's amendments and/or arguments have been considered with the results that follow.
2. Claim 1-17 are pending in the application under prosecution.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6,629,316 (Curtis).

With respect to claim 5, Curtis teaches an information processing method (a system, method, and program enables **overriding program properties using a specially designated environment variable statement**) comprising: referring to a script containing parameters; checking values of the parameters (**identifying in a list of environment variables any property names having the pre-designated prefix**); when a checked result is correct, referring to values of the parameters; and executing steps specified by the script in a way that replaces a parameter of the script with a value of the parameter (**means for causing a replacement of a given associated value in the property object with the different property value for each of the identified property names that match one of the property names in the property object**) [Abstract; Fig. 6; Col. 6, Lines 14-24; Col. 11, Lines 7-40].

With respect to claim 1, Curtis teaches the invention as claimed, an information processing system (a system, method, and program enables **overriding program properties using a specially designated environment variable statement**) comprising: a first storage medium readable by a computer and storing script containing parameters; a checking module checking values of the parameters (**designated "set to environment variable" method compares each environment variable name with the property variable name in the script file**); a second storage module, when a checked result is correct, storing values of the parameters; and a module executing steps specified by the script in a way that replaces a parameter of the script with a value of the parameter (**means for causing a replacement of a given associated value in**

the property object with the different property value for each of the identified property names that match one of the property names in the property object)

[Abstract; Fig. 6; Col. 6, Lines 14-24; Col. 11, Lines 7-40].

With respect to claim 2, Curtis teaches the information processing system, wherein the script represents steps configuring a predetermined target system by combining a plurality of subsystems, and the parameter is characteristic information that individually adapts said subsystem to the target system (***script file defining default operation or behavior for the process with properties and values saved in the property object)***) [Fig. 5-6; Col. 6, Lines 8-14; Col. 14, Lines 14-28].

With respect to claim 3, Curtis teaches the information processing system, wherein the script is encrypted, and said system further comprises a module decrypting the script [Col. 5, Lines 28-34].

With respect to claim 4, Curtis teaches the information processing system further comprising: a module accepting a value setting with respect to the parameter; and a module judging whether the value with the setting accepted can be applied to said target system or subsystem (***script file defining default operation or behavior for the process with properties and values saved in the property object)***) [Fig. 5-6; Col. 14, Lines 14-28].

With respect to claims 6-17, the claims correspond to other format of claims 1-4, are rejected based on the same assumption, as addressed above.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 20050256858 (McArdle) teaching methods, systems, and media for handling errors in script files .

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre-Michel Bataille whose telephone number is (571) 272-4178. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tue-Fri (8:00A to 5:30P).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew M. Kim can be reached on (571) 272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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